



## The Green Flash

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### ideallygreen.com is Live!

Customers and Associates alike can see all the latest ideallygreen product offerings available now. Check out the site to also see an overview of the initiative, current products that will help with our sustainability initiatives, in addition to new products. You'll also find helpful tips and a wealth of recommended resources, plus much, much more. As the site says, Facilities Maintenance is committed to having a positive impact on the environment. Click [here](#) to see how!

### 2008 Sustainability Guide Now Available

The 2008 Sustainability Guide showcases our environmentally preferable product choices across most product categories. The guide is arranged by the five main areas of our Sustainability focus: **Energy Efficiency, Hazardous Material Disposal, Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ), Waste Reduction and Water Conservation**. The objective of the guide is to raise awareness of the environmentally preferable products that we carry, as well as to provide information for the customer on how the products can help "green" their facility. The Sustainability Guide includes new products that have been added for catalog V58 as well as current products. Click [here](#) to download the guide.



### Green New Year's Resolutions

This year, improving the environment can be as simple as incorporating some environmentally friendly changes into your daily life. Bring in the New Year with a clean and green resolution that will give the planet a brighter future in 2008!

1. Use compact fluorescent light bulbs.
2. Take your car to a car wash that recycles its wash water.
3. Install low flow showerheads and toilets.
4. Hang dry your clothes.
5. Carpool, use public transportation, or a low emission vehicle.
6. Make a compost pile with food scraps for your garden.
7. Never hose down your patio or driveway - instead use a broom.
8. Recycle and use reusable water bottles and coffee cups rather than disposable ones.

### Did you know?

- **Paper-use reduction:** The average office employee could save 475 sheets of paper per year by reducing their margins from the default setting of 1 in to 0.50 in. The savings won't make a huge financial difference, but a facility of just 100 will save about \$500 on paper per year. You can change your margins through the 'Page Setup' option in the 'File' field in the menu bar of MS Word.

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